

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 35-66 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 51, 55, 59 and 63 are amended.

Summary of the Official Action

In the Official Action, claims 51-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection respectfully is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Initially, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that the application contains allowable subject matter, and that claims 35-50 are allowed.

Summary of Examiner Interview

Applicant's attorney gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to him by the Examiner in granting a personal interview on August 10, 2005. In that interview, Applicant's attorney presented alternative proposed amendments to the claims to obviate the formal rejection under section 101. It was agreed that the rejection would be obviated if the claims were amended to recite a program embodied on an information storage medium or embodied in a carrier wave transmitted by a transmitter or received by a receiver.

Claim Amendments

Accordingly, independent claims 51, 55, 59 and 63 have been amended herein as agreed to at the Examiner interview.

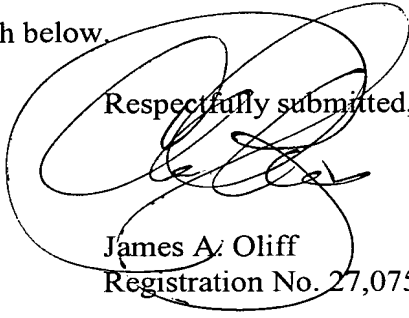
For the above reasons, Applicant submits the claims are in allowable form, and in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised in the Official Action and in the personal interview, and submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time
Examination Guidelines for Computer-Related Inventions

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